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DEQ announces Keep Louisiana Beautiful 2006 awards

The Keep Louisiana Beautiful Program of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality presented their awards in Lafayette on Aug. 25 during the 4th annual Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference. Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization, hosts the conference.

The Keep Louisiana Beautiful awards are designed to give special recognition to organizations that have developed outstanding litter prevention, beautification and community improvement, waste reduction and law enforcement programs in their communities. Recipients of the awards may include nonprofit, civic, community organizations, youth groups, schools, government agencies, businesses and professional organizations.

The Dianne Chandler Award is given to an outstanding citizen of exceptional leadership in raising public awareness about litter prevention, roadside and community beautification, solid waste issues, and the need for citizens to participate in activities that preserve and enhance natural resources and public lands.

This year the award winners are:

Waste Reduction Category

- 1st Place Keep Ouachita Parish Beautiful Commission

Law Enforcement Category

- 1st Place Sheriff Richard Fewell and the Ouachita Parish Police Jury
- 2nd Place Randy Duke, Code Enforcement, City of West Monroe

Beautification and Community Improvement Category

- 1st Place Keep Abbeville Beautiful
- 2nd Place Town of Many
- 3rd Place Team Green of Southwest Louisiana

Litter Prevention Category

- 1st Place Team Green of Southwest Louisiana
- 2nd Place Town of Vinton
- 3rd Place Ms. Dianne Cook

Dianne Chandler Award

Ms. Lollion Elmer